

**Amendment to the Specification**

On page 1, after the title "DEPTH AND PUNCTURE CONTROL FOR SYSTEM FOR HEMOSTASIS OF BLOOD VESSEL" please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

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**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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This application is an continuation-in-part and claims priority to U.S. patent application serial no. 09/613,439, entitled "System And Method For Facilitating Hemostasis Of Blood Vessel Punctures With Absorbable Sponge" by inventor Andrew H. Cragg, Rodney Brenneman, and Mark Ashby, filed on July 11, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application 09/071,284 filed May 1, 1998, by inventors Andrew H. Cragg, Rodney Brenneman, and Mark Ashby, now issues as U.S. patent 6,162,192. --

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